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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 September 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 11-15 and 17-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 11-15 and 17-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 September 2005 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the method steps claimed in claims 12-15 including the step of sliding a support along a length of the receptacle to support the receptacle and the further steps of packaging such container and support for sale, as claimed in claims 13 and 14, must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-9, 11, 13-15 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1, 11 and 22 recite the limitation "the body" in various lines. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

A body portion is set forth on line 4 of claim 1.

Claims 2 and 11 recite the limitation "the neck" in lines various lines. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

It isn't clear where the step of packaging claimed in claims 13-15 occurs in relationship to the steps claimed in claim 12. Is the receptacle packaged after the sliding of the support?

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 1-4, 6, 12, 13 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Howland, of record in view of Adell '660.

To have provided the bottle of Howland with opposed grooves running the length for receiving a support to hold the bottle and a vertical angle would have been obvious in view of such teaching by Howland. Members 36 of Adell are considered to function as pins, as claimed.

4. Claim 5 remains rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Stroud, of record for the reasons set forth in paragraph 4 of the previous office action.

5. Claims 7, 8 and 11 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Meierhoefer '817 for the reasons set forth in paragraph 5 of the previous Office action.
6. Claim 9 remains rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Schaar for the reasons set forth in paragraph 6 of the previous Office action.
7. Claim 14 remains rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claim 12 above, and further in view of Cabernoch et al '827 for the reasons set forth in paragraph 8 of the previous Office action.
8. Claim 15 remains rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claim 12 above, and further in view of Barton et al for the reasons set forth in paragraph 9 of the previous Office action.
9. Claim 17-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Howland in view of either Schaar, both of record, Josephsen et al '950 or Dolan et al '174.

To have formed gripping surface with either a textured surface which is roughened as taught by either Dolan et al or Josephsen et al or a different material as taught by Schaar would have been obvious.

10. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-9, 11-15 and 17-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. Claims 10 and 16 have been canceled.

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11. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Paetzold shows a bottle with covered gripping surfaces while the remaining patents show bottle holders.

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The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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